

defense budget, rather "Congress must reconsider the military's mission and what activities it should undertake." In this assessment by Mr. Factor, and supported by myself, there is no indication that American military power be restricted in missions concerning American security. Rather, that auxiliary duties performed by the military (e.g., humanitarian missions, peacekeeping, nation building and disaster relief) ought to be separated from the core mission of the military; to provide for the common defense of our great Nation.

Further, by separating and focusing these mission directives, we will produce a Department of Defense budget that clearly defines where our money is being spent. This will allow for a thorough and honest review of the allocation of such dollars and produce the foundation upon which a responsible debate can be held in this chamber on an issue of our generation, spending and debt.

Therefore all options must be on the table as we, the 112th Congress, have committed ourselves to deficit reduction. For our future, and for the future of our children and grandchildren, it is imperative that we undertake this difficult task in the short term to ensure our Nation's viability for the long term.

IN HONOR OF THE ANNIVERSARY
OF THE SLOVENIAN WORKMEN'S
HOME

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Slovenian Workmen's Home, an establishment that has been very dear to the Cleveland community for well over 85 years.

The idea of this home first came about on November 10, 1916. The original purpose of the home was to accommodate the various fraternal, cultural, social, and civic activities in which more than a dozen Slovenian groups participated. The building was finally completed in 1926 and consisted of an auditorium, recreation hall, library, business offices, and meeting rooms. As the years passed, the establishment began to expand to include a school in 1931, a gymnastic group in 1932 and a junior chorus in 1934; A year after that a bar was added and by 1939 the building had eight bowling alleys.

When the 1940s arrived, the use of the 'Home' changed due to World War II. It opened its doors to the Red Cross, war bond drives and any other program that assisted America's war effort. By the time 1945 came around, 'Home' changed its charter from a corporation to a non-profit organization.

The Slovenian Workman's Home has always been a welcoming location for workers' unions, at one point providing roof and shelter to any of the 23 unions that met on the premises.

As the years passed, the Slovenian Workmen's Home began to be bought out and other establishments began to move in. However, by the 1990s, efforts were underway to recover and restore the remaining area of the original home.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join in recognition of this phenomenal establishment. It has been a consistent part of the fabric of

the Cleveland community for many years, and many years to come.

INTRODUCING THE POST 9/11 GI
BILL PAYMENT RESTORATION ACT

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Post 9/11 GI Bill Payment Restoration Act.

At the end of the 111th Congress, the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Improvements Act of 2010 (P.L. 111-377) made changes to the Post 9/11 GI Bill program.

Most of these changes were positive; however, provisions were included to eliminate certain living stipend "interval payments" for veterans using their education benefits.

These interval payments cover periods between academic terms, such as the winter holiday break, that do not exceed eight weeks. They also cover periods when a student transfers between educational institutions if the period between the consecutive terms does not exceed 30 days.

Interval payments also apply if the school is temporarily closed under an established policy based on an Executive Order of the President or due to an emergency situation.

Stopping the payments will put strain on veterans trying to obtain an education.

The Post 9/11 GI Bill Payment Restoration Act would reinstate these interval payments before the benefit cut becomes effective on August 1, 2011 and help veterans and service members in school.

This preemptive action would help veterans continue to receive the living stipends they need while attending school.

We must strongly support those who have served as they attend college. Our service members earned and deserve their educational benefits. We have a responsibility to keep these benefits worthy of their dedication and sacrifices to the nation.

I urge passage of the Post 9/11 GI Bill Payment Restoration Act.

IN HONOR OF 1ST LIEUTENANT
ROYAL A. STRATTON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of World War II rescue pilot, 1st Lieutenant Royal A. Stratton, who died on May 29, 1945, after being mortally wounded while saving 9 crewmembers from a downed B-29. Royal hailed from Ellwood City, Pennsylvania. His love of flying led to his enlistment in the Army Air Corps where he excelled to become one of only a few pilots to wear both Army and Navy wings.

Royal joined the 4th Emergency Rescue Squadron and with his crew of six, would fly off of Iwo Jima and police flight paths searching for B-29 bombers in jeopardy. On the 29th of May, 1945, Royal spotted the crew from a downed B-29 from the 444th Bomb Group,

676th Squadron stationed at Tinian. After landing and taking on the survivors, tragedy struck during take off when a swell broke over Royal's PBV Catalina and tore one propeller off, killing him. The entire contingent of servicemen on Royal's plane that day survived the incident and were picked up by the Lifeguard Submarine, USS *Tigrone*. On May 30, 1945, Royal A. Stratton was commissioned to the sea. By the end of the war, the 4th Emergency Rescue Squadron had amassed over 650 rescues and Royal Stratton was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Royal A. Stratton for his selflessness and valor, for putting others before himself in his service of saving the lives of his fellow servicemen.

HONORING ALEXANDER M. SPOON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Alexander M. Spoon. Alexander is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Alexander has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Alexander has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Alexander has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Alexander M. Spoon for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING MS. EUBIE ENRIGHT

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Eubie Enright, a beloved matriarch of the 17th Congressional District, who is celebrating 104 years of life.

Ms. Enright was born to sharecroppers in Metter, Georgia. It was here that she experienced back-breaking work as she planted and raised many crops under the Georgia sun. A young Ms. Enright exuded a tenacity that would later serve her well.

South Florida became home to Ms. Enright more than 50 years ago, when she migrated to Miami with her family. Living and thriving during the civil rights movement, she held several jobs, including housekeeping and cooking in private homes. She said, "I don't care what you have to do, you have to work". Frankly, Ms. Enright understands the investment that must be made for your family and for your community.